IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for time-shifted viewing of ~~broadcast or selected~~ audio/video programs comprising:

~~the step of~~ simultaneously receiving <u>one or</u> more ~~than one broadcast~~ video/audio program from one or more sources<u>, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection</u>; [[and]]

~~the step of~~ storing each of <u>the one or more audio/video</u> [[said]] programs as data in one or more cyclic buffers<u>, whereupon</u> ~~wherein upon~~ being filled [[said]] <u>the one or more</u> cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest of [[said]] <u>the</u> data with the newest of [[said]] <u>the</u> data; and

~~the step of~~ simultaneously providing playback control of [[said]] <u>the</u> data independently from ~~said step of~~ storing [[said]] <u>the one or more audio/video</u> programs<u>,</u> ~~wherein said playback control comprises random access play, stop, pause, rewind and fast forward functions;~~

~~whereby said~~ <u>wherein</u> time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of <u>the</u> one or more <u>audio/video</u> programs <u>currently being received from the one or more sources, the viewing of which</u> ~~in progress and~~ may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with [[said]] <u>the</u> storing of <u>the one or more audio/video</u> [[said]] programs.

2. (currently amended) <u>The</u> [[A]] method <u>of</u> ~~as in~~ claim 1<u>,</u> further comprising<u>:</u> ~~the step of~~ moving ~~said program~~ <u>the</u> data from the <u>one or more</u> cyclic buffer<u>s</u> to one or more storage devices for archival of ~~said program~~ <u>the</u> data<u>;</u> ~~wherein said one or more storage devices are used for selective retrieval, playback and control of said programs~~.

3-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A system for time-shifted viewing of ~~broadcast or selected~~ audio/video programs comprising:

video input means for simultaneously receiving <u>one or</u> more ~~than one broadcast~~ video/audio program from one or more sources<u>, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection</u>; [[and]]

one or more cyclic buffer<u>s</u> ~~means~~ for storing <u>the one or more</u> [[said]] programs as program data in a cyclical fashion ~~wherein~~ <u>where</u>upon being filled, said cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest data with the newest of said data and [[is]] <u>are</u> operable for simultaneously reading and writing of [[said]] data; and

~~viewing~~ playback <u>control</u> means for providing playback control of [[said]] <u>the</u> data independently from the storing of ~~said programs~~ <u>the data</u>, ~~wherein said playback control comprises random access playback, stop, pause, rewind and fast-forward functions~~;

~~whereby said~~ <u>wherein</u> time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of <u>the</u> one or more programs <u>currently being receiving from the one or more sources, the viewing of which</u> ~~in progress and~~ may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with [[said]] <u>the</u> storing of ~~said programs~~ <u>the one or more audio/video programs</u>.

7. (currently amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> system ~~as in~~ <u>of</u> claim 6<u>,</u> further comprising~~:~~
~~archive means for~~ <u>a storage device comprising</u> semi-permanent <u>memory for</u> storage of ~~said program data~~ <u>the one or more audio/video programs</u>
~~wherein said archive means is used as a save function for selective retrieval, playback and control of program data~~.

8.-14. (cancelled)

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15. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the playback control comprises random access play, stop, pause, rewind, and fast-forward functions.

16. (new) The method of claim 15, further comprising capturing the playback control as viewing habit data.

17. (new) The method of claim 16, further comprising storing the viewing habit data.

18. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising configuring one or more time-shifted viewing settings.

19. (new) The method of claim 18, wherein the one or more time-shifted viewing settings are configured via a user interface over a network connection.

20. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises plot summary data.

21. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises rating data.

22. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises cast data.

23. (new) The system of claim 6, wherein the playback control means include random access play, stop, pause, rewind, and fast-forward functionality.

24. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein the playback control functionality is associated with viewing habit data.

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25. (new) The system of claim 25, further comprising means for storing the viewing habit data.

26. (new) The system of claim 6, further comprising means for configuring one or more time-shifted viewing settings.

27. (new) The system of claim 26, wherein the one or more time-shifted viewing settings are configured via a user interface over a network connection.

28. (new) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises plot summary data.

29. (new) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises rating data.

30. (new) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises cast data.